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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 1, 2003

To: All Adult Foster Care Home Licensees

From: Miriam Bullock, Director

Division of Investigation & Disciplinary Action

Bureau of Family Services

Subject: Incident Reports - Update on Procedural Changes of February 4, 2003 -

Effective Immediately

The purpose of this memo is to provide all licensees with an update on the results of recent changes related to the submission of Incident Reports.

On February 4, 2003, all Adult Foster Care Home Licensees were sent a memorandum from the Bureau of Family Services regarding Incident Reports. The purpose of this memo was twofold. The first was <u>content</u> based - to only have incidents reported that are required by rule to be reported. The second purpose was <u>process</u> based - to have all Incident Reports submitted to only one location, the Bureau's Central Office in Lansing. The underlying goal behind both the content and process changes was to improve overall efficiency and ultimately save both the licensee and the Bureau time and money.

A review of the findings of the past two months shows mixed results:

<u>Content based</u> – Eliminating unnecessary reporting, by submitting only those Incident Reports, which are required by rule, as outlined in the February 4 memorandum, does indeed save the licensee and the Bureau both time and money.

<u>Process based</u> - After reviewing the results of the past two months, the Bureau has reached the conclusion that the previous method of submitting Incident Reports to local Area Offices was more efficient than processing them through Lansing. Effectively immediately therefore, please send all future Incident Reports to your local Area Office as before. For your convenience, a list of the Bureau Of Family Services Area Managers and addresses is attached to this memorandum.

As stated in the memorandum of February 4, 2003, the changes the Bureau initiated were part of a process of continuous improvement. Unfortunately, the continuous

improvement process is not always linear, and we may have unwittingly created some degree of confusion and uncertainty among our licensees. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion that this may have caused you, and trust that you understand that this was undertaken to better serve those entrusted in our care.

Thank you.

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